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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated July 12, 2001, a shortened period for response was set to expire on September 12, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for an extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including October 12, 2001.

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Applicant hereby claims small entity status.

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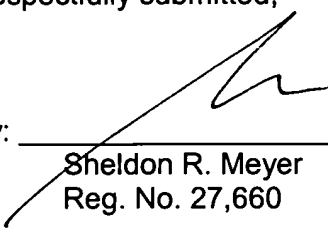
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- ✓ Declaration for Patent Application;
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- \_\_\_\_\_ A continuation application is filed herewith.
- ✓ "Small Entity" status for this application has previously been established.
- ✓ Other: Formal Figures

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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